lakhs to Smt. Bhajan Kaur. The Government of NCT of Delhi has also constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Delhi for scrutiny of other similar claims presented in this regard.

Since many of the claimants were staying outside Delhi and had not submitted their applications, the Government of NCT of Delhi prayed to High Court for extending the time limit for implementation of its order. The High Court has extended the time limit by four months i.e., upto 5.3.97. Accordingly, the Government of NCT of Delhi has extended the last date for receipt of claims upto 30.1.1996.

(d) and (e) On the basis of a decision taken by the Government in November, 1984, ex-gratia payment in each case of death was sanctioned at the rate of Rs. 10,000/-. Subsequently in January 1986 this amount was raised to Rs. 20,000/-. An amount of Rs.5.12 crores was accordingly disbursed in 2564 cases to the next of kin of those who lost their lives in 1984 riots in Delhi.

Setting up of National Road Transport Development Finance Corporation

556. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Road Transport Development Finance Corporation to provide loan assistance to State Road Transport Undertakings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The Working Group on Road Transport for the 9th Five Year Plan has recommended to the Planning Commission setting up of National Road Transport Finance Corporation at the Central level. Based on the Working Group Report, the Planning Commission will finalise approach for the 9th Five Year Plan. Only, thereafter, the status of the National Road Transport Finance Corporation will be known.

Target of Providing Telephone Connections

557. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Telecommunications is far behind its target of providing telephone connections during the current year;

(b) if so, the target and the achievement as on 31st October, 1996 in the country and the same in respect of four metros of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai;

(c) the details of installation of new connections in other circles during the current year; and

(d) the reasons for poor performance and the steps being taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir, Normally the provisioning of telephone connections during the first two quarters is comparatively less.

(b) The Annual target for 96-97 and achievement as on 31.10.96 are as given below:

Item	For country	Delhi	Mumbai	Calcutta	Chennai
Annual Target for 96-97	24,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	55,000	75,000
Achievement	7,30,847	65,037	33,798	18,471	21,312

(c) The details of installation of new connections in other circles are as per enclosed statement (*See* below)

(d) During the early months of the year, the supply of equipments has been slow. Now, the equipment have started reaching the sites of work and it is expected that the targets fixed for the year would be fully met.

Statement

Details of installation of New Connections in other Circles during current year (1996-97) as on 31.10.1996:

Sl. No.	Telecom Circles	Target	Achievement
1.	Andhra Pradesh	123000	68657
2.	Assam	18000	7369
3.	Bihar	47000	14083
4.	Gujarat	188000	57574
5.	Haryana	64000	13556
6.	Himachal Pradesh	27000	12186
7.	J&K	23000	4687
8.	Karnataka	133000	48884
9.	Kerala	228000	61731
10.	M.P.	45000	16506
11.	Maharashtra	203000	62674
12.	North East	18000	5109
13.	Orissa	27000	18046
14.	Punjab	153000	35602
15.	Rajasthan	123000	32315
16.	Tamil Nadu	188000	50779
17.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	80000	27354
18.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	75000	35923
19.	Wet Bengal	55000	18979
20.	A. Nicobar	2000	215

Recommendation on Inland Waterways Network in Godavari River in Andhra Pradesh

558. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Inland Waterways Authority of India recommended an inland waterway's network on the Godavari River Canal Network in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any comments have been given by the Government of Andhra Pradesh thereon;

(d) whether any funds have been allotted therefor; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The recommendation envisages declaration and development of Cherala-Rajamundhry stretch of river Godavari a longwith its navigable delta canals as a National Waterway at an estimated cost of Rs. 60.00 crores at 1994-95 prices. The important capital works include dredging, provision of terminals and navigational aids which are to be executed in a phased manner after declaration as National Waterway. The proposal for declaration